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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, please amend the claims as shown on Claims 1 and 17 have been amended.

Without prejudice, and reserving the right to file divisional applications with respect

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thereto, please cancel claims 25-30.

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 5, 2001 has been received and carefully studied.

Applicants affirm their election to prosecute the invention of claims 1-24 and 31-32. By the foregoing amendment, claims 25-30 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-8 and 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as